

ATTACHMENT A

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

The following business impact statement was prepared pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 237.080 and 237.090 to address the proposed impact of adoption of An Ordinance to Amend the Reno Municipal Code,

Title 6 “Vehicles and Traffic,” Chapter 6.11 “Encroachment permit,” by adding certain language related to revocable occupancy permits together with other matters property related thereto.

1. The following is a description of the manner in which comment was solicited from affected trade associations or businesses, and a summary of their comments:

A. NOTICE

A notice was published in the Reno Gazette Journal notifying that interested persons could submit comments on or before July 15, 2014, to Charla Honey, Engineering Manager, P.O. Box 1900, Reno NV 89505, Phone (775) 334-2548, Fax (775) 334-1226, or email honeyc@reno.gov.

Direct emails were sent to the following: Members of the Midtown Merchants Association, members of the Riverwalk Merchants Association and members of the Regional Alliance for Downtown.

B. SUMMARY OF COMMENTS

No comments were received.

Other interested parties may obtain a copy of the business impact statement including a summary of comments by contacting the City Clerk, at City Hall, 1 E. First Street, Second Floor, P.O. Box 1900, Reno, NV 89505, phone: (775) 334-2030.

2. The estimated economic effect of the proposed ordinance on businesses, including, without limitation, both adverse and beneficial effects, and both direct and indirect effects:

Adverse effects: None.

Beneficial effects: The proposed code amendment will allow the City of Reno Public Works Department to issue a revocable occupancy permit for long term use of the public rights-of-way rather following the existing license agreement process. The license agreement process requires the applicant to prepare property descriptions and plats and for City legal staff to prepare an agreement for City Council approval.

Direct effects: **The proposed rule simplifies an existing process.**

Indirect effects: **None anticipated.**

3. The following constitutes a description of the methods the local government considered to reduce the impact of the proposed ordinance on businesses and a statement regarding whether any, and if so which, of these methods were used: (include whether the following was considered: simplifying the proposed rule; establishing different standards of compliance for a business; and if applicable, modifying a fee or fine set forth in the rule so that business would pay a lower fee or fine).

This proposed rule is an effort to simplify an existing process. The rule allows for the issuance of a revocable occupancy permit in lieu of a license agreement for most common uses.

4. The annual estimated cost to the local government for enforcement of the proposed ordinance is as follows:

It is not anticipated that the proposed rule will result in an increase in cost to the local agency.

5. If the proposed ordinance provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the local government expects to collect:

The proposed ordinance provides for a new fee for the issuance of the permit and the granting of the right to occupy public rights-of-way. The fees for the occupancy permit in the rights-of-way are set forth in the fee schedule as adopted by the City Council and is used for right-of-way maintenance. The fees, as set forth in the fee schedule are representative of the same amounts which were charged for the license agreements.

6. If the proposed rule includes provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than current federal, state or local standards regulating the same activity, the following explanation of why such duplicative or more stringent provisions are necessary is provided:

The proposed change does not include provisions which duplicate or are more stringent than existing federal, state or local standards.

7. Set forth the reasons for the conclusions regarding the impact of the proposed rule on business.

The proposed ordinance provides for a simplified process for issuance of revocable permits in the public rights-of-way and therefore does not impose a direct and

significant economic burden upon business, nor directly restrict the formation or expansion of a business.

I, Andrew Clinger, City Manager for the City of Reno, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge or belief, the information contained in the statement was prepared properly and is accurate.

Dated this 21 day of July, 2014

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Clinger', is written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Clinger, City Manager
City of Reno